Improvement in investigation mechanism of Delhi Police

*157. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report titled "Police play name game to improve quality of investigation" appearing in the Times of India, New Delhi on 18th June, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of measures taken for bringing qualitative improvement in the investigation mechanism of Delhi Police;

(c) whether it is a fact that cases of torture, harassment, illegal confinement in police stations, death in custody due to torture, etc., have increased during the past two years; and

(d) if so, how many such cases have been reported during the last two years and action taken against erring police officials, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The steps taken to bring about qualitative improvement in the standard of investigation include: (1) association of experts from Forensic Science Laboratories, Finger Print Bureau and Dog Squad during inspection of the scene of crime; (2) use of scientific methods of investigation to connect the crime with the criminals; (3) extensive use of information technology in collecting, collating & comparing the crime records; (4) regular monitoring of investigation by senior officers; (5) speedy investigation of cases; (6) training of Investigating Officers to improve their investigation skills; (7) setting up of a separate cell at the Police Headquarters as well as Districts to monitor the progress of cases pending in the Courts; and (8) initiation

of punitive action against police officials found negligent in the investigation of cases.

(c) and (d) The requisite details are as under:

Year	Number of complaints received	Number of complaints substantiated	Number of Policemen against whom action taken
1999	451	21	35
2000	489	27	50
2001 (upto 30.6.2001)	167	02	02

In addition, 2 cases of custodial deaths were reported in the year 1999, 1 in the year 2000 and 2 in the year 2001 (upto 30.6.2001). In all, 13 police personnel were placed under suspension for their suspected involvement in these cases.

Gas Leakage and underground fire in BCCL Mines at Dhanbad

*158. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of BCCL at Dhanbad have issued notices to several families in villages to vacate their houses in view of danger of life and property following gas leakage and underground fire.;

(b) if so, whether the underground fire at coal mines in Dhanbad has been spreading to several villages;

(c) whether the various technologies being adopted by Government to check such underground fires have proved to be ineffective; and